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SUBJECT: DE ARRIAGA'S STANDING AND JARDIM'S LOSS OF JOB

REF: LOURENCO MARQUES 19 (NOTAL)

1. LOCAL PRESS OF JANUARY 12 CARRIES ITEM FROM LISBON STAT-
ING THAT CHIEF OF STATE RECEIVED GENERAL KAULZA DE ARRIAGA
AT BELEM PALACE. PRESS OF JANUARY 13 CARRIES NOTICE THAT
DE ARRIAGA EXPECTED ATTEND BULLFIGHT IN LOURENCO MARQUES
BEING HELD FEBRUARY 2-3 IN HONOR DISABLED VETERANS. PRE-
VIOUSLY, ON JANUARY 6-7, LOCAL PAPERS HAD PUBLISHED PICTURES
OF DE ARRIAGA GIVING HIS NEW YEAR'S MESSAGE TO NUCLEAR ENERGY
COMMISSION EMPLOYEES (REFTEL). ALL THOSE APPARENT ATTEMPTS
TO PROVE DE ARRIAGA STILL IN GOOD STANDING MAY BE "PROTESTING
TOO MUCH".

2. LOCAL RUMOR MILL STILL GRINDING AWAY WITH MANY HAZY
VERSIONS OF "COUP", SOME HAVING DE ARRIAGA UNDER HOUSE
ARREST AND OTHERS ACCLAIMING HIM AS DEFENDING CAETANO AGAINST
RIGHT WING PUTSCH ATTEMPTS. MANY OF THOSE WHO KNOW DE ARRIAGA
FEEL HE IS TOO CLEVER TO GET HIMSELF INVOLVED IN SUCH POLI-

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TICAL SHENANIGANS AT THIS PARTICULAR TIME (I.E. SO SOON AFTER

HIS "REMOVAL" AS COMMANDER IN CHIEF IN MOZAMBIQUE), AND THINK HE IS BEING FRAMED.

3. PERHAPS OF RELATED INTEREST IS REPORT THAT JORGE JARDIM HAS LEFT HIS JOB AS ADMINISTRATOR OF LUSALITE DE MOZAMBIQUE - IMPORTANT ABACASSIS-OWNED MANUFACTURER OF ROOFING MATERIALS, WATER PIPES AND OTHER CONSTRUCTION ITEMS LOCATED IN DONDO OUTSIDE BEIRA. PRESS INDICATES JARDIM RESIGNED, BUT THERE ARE RUMORS HE WAS DISMISSED. THIS WILL HARDLY MAKE PAUPER OUT OF JARDIM, WHO HAS MANY OTHER INTERESTS, AND MAY SIMPLY BE MEANS OF FREEING HIM FOR GREATER POLITICAL ACTIVITY BOTH WITHIN AND OUTSIDE MOZAMBIQUE. HOWEVER, AS JARDIM IS CLOSE TO DE ARRIAGA, CONCEIVABLY HIS REMOVAL FROM LUSALITE MAY BE CONNECTED WITH WHATEVER IS GOING ON IN LISBON.
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